REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	24.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Medium:	Computer Image File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	The District Court at Christchurch
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
Date of entry in Register:	02 October 2008
Date of direction to issue a label:	Not Applicable
OFLC No:	801667
Excisions:	Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *24.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

This is because the computer image file promotes and encourages the criminal act of incest. The publication is a computer-generated image of characters engaging in sexual activity. Dialogue in speech bubbles conveys that the characters are closely related, and that they are enjoying the activity. The text juxtaposes explicit sexual references with familial terms including "Granny" and "sister". The website address printed at the bottom of the image includes the word "incest". The purpose of the image is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in incest. By presenting a sexualised image and text about incest, the publication encourages this sexual interest and validates the practice.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that strongly promote and encourage crime are objectionable. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that present incest as an arousing and acceptable activity.